

June 3, 2013 8:30 A.M.

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Frank Emory, Chairman
Mike Haddock, Vice-Chairman
Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner
Joe Wiggins, Commissioner
Zack Koonce, III, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Jimmie B. Hicks, County Attorney
Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board
Melissa Moore-Freeman, Finance Officer

The Chairman called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. A **MOTION** was made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be approved with the following addition:

4. BOARD APPOINTMENT – JONES COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of May 20, 2013, and May 28, 2013, be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

1. SECONDARY ROAD PROGRAM

Johnny Metcalf, District Engineer with DOT, presented the Secondary Roads Program to the board. Mr. Metcalf informed the board that Highway 41 will be widened to Moore’s Grocery after July 4, 2013, and next year from Moore’s Grocery to the Duplin County line. Mr. Wiggins asked if there was already funding for widening to Moore’s Grocery in Comfort and Mr. Metcalf confirmed. The maps were reviewed and funding was discussed. **MOTION** made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the Secondary Road Program be approved as presented.

Sondra Ipock-Riggs discussed the need for the ditches to be cleaned out in Jones County due to flooding issues. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs stated that state funding should not be issued based on population but by land mass.

2. JCPC APPROVED PROGRAM FUNDING

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council funding be approved as follows (includes 20% match):

JCPC Council	\$6,000
Restitution	2,250
Interpersonal Skill Building	20,183

Family Based Counseling	58,162
TOTAL	\$86,595

3. BOARD APPOINTMENT – EASTERN CAROLINA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – FRANK EMORY

MOTION made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** Frank Emory be reappointed to the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board for a two-year term to expire June 30, 2015.

4. BOARD APPOINTMENT – JONES COUNTY PLANNING BOARD – WAYNE SAYLAND

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** Wayne Sayland be appointed to the Jones County Planning Board to replace Vic Bryan, who resigned. There is no expiration on this term.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Neil Emory, NCACC representative, explained that he was present because the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, will have representatives attend board meetings periodically to see the commissioners in their own setting. Mr. Emory and the board discussed several items to include tax reform, school board taxation and the upcoming state conference.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Franky Howard informed the board that Brenda Eubanks requested two commissioners be present for Fire and EMS Association meetings. The board agreed that Frank Emory and Sondra Ipock-Riggs represent the board.

Mr. Howard explained that the fire tax question that was presented at the May 20, 2013, board meeting cannot be placed on the ballot the way the fire departments requested. The School of Government, Board of Elections, and County Attorney state that 35% of free holder signatures are needed to place this request on the ballot. There was further discussion concerning the technicalities of what votes were necessary and what votes would count. Information will be compiled and distributed as necessary. The motion that was made at the May 20, 2013, meeting was read to the board by Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board. Jimmie Hicks suggested that the motion be rescinded as the board doesn't have authority to place the item on the ballot without the required signatures. **MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Zack Koonce and unanimously carried **THAT** the following motions made at the May 20, 2013, meeting be **RESCINDED**:

***MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the request for a three-cent fire tax for the Town of Pollocksville be placed on the November ballot to be voted on by the citizens in the community.*

***MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the request for a three-cent fire tax for the Town of Maysville be placed on*

the November ballot to be voted on by the citizens in the community. Zack Koonce explained that the department needed to get out and educate the public so they will know who will benefit from the tax if approved.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Sondra Ipock-Riggs

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs stated that people are taping items to the wall in the civic center with tape and ruining the paint. She stated that we need to have a \$200 charge related to this issue. The board discussed the need to review the contract and possibly address this issue.

Zack Koonce -

Mr. Koonce discussed the kitchen at the civic center, mainly the sink that will be installed soon.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Frank Emory
Chairman

Jennifer King
Clerk to the Board